TAB. XXIV.

# CINCLUS PALLASII.

*Cincl. unicolor, intensè brunneus; rostro pedibusque fuscis.*

Statura *Cincli aquatici,* Bechst.

THE present bird has been described by M. Temminck, who gave it the specific name of *Pallasii* in honour of Pallas: no figure, however, of it has appeared previously to that in Plate XXIV. of the "Century." As it is a species rarely occurring in collections, and of great interest as forming one of a genus which though limited in number is diffused throughout the old and new continents of the globe, it was more than desirable that a correct figure upon which reliance might be placed should be given to the scientific world.

Two species are well known in the older continent, viz., our Common Dipper, (*Cinclus aquaticus,*) and the present. Mr. Swainson, however, has indicated a third from India, differing from *Cinclus Pallasii.*

The *C. Pallasii* has all the habits and manners of our own species, frequenting mountainous streams, and feeding on aquatic insects and their larvæ, the fry and ova of fishes, &c., which it takes beneath the water.

We suspect that the habitat of this bird is confined to the remote and northern districts of the Himalayan chain. Its colour is a uniform dull brown, which is not varied by sex and but slightly by age.

The Plate represents an adult in full plumage.